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*Ungarisches Statistisches Jahrbuch.** Neue Folge, XVII, 1909.

The Hungarian statistical year book, like that of Berlin and that of Paris, has come to represent what may be considered an almost ideal statistical publication. It has the advantage, lacking many so-called statistical publications, of being edited in a bureau where really skillful statistical talent directs and where, as a result, systematic and logically arranged tables are compiled covering practically every topic of general interest which is subject to statistical treatment.

The logical arrangement adopted is from the simple to the complex, and following this order *climate* is first considered, then *population,* beginning with density and certain other static elements, after which comes the dynamic elements and, finally, special sanitary statistics including the number of physicians, surgeons, apothecaries, hospital statistics, statistics of vaccination, rabies, etc.

Economics is the third main division of the year book and it is considered under eight subdivisions and these in turn are divided into more than three hundred topics. Basic production is considered under 73 headings; mining under 16; trade and commerce under 46; foreign commerce under 19; transportation under 103; money and credit under 36; insurance under 7; and fire losses under 6 topical headings.

General culture, education and *religion* are considered in the fourth main division of the book. General culture and education are dealt with under 76 topics and religion under 10.

The fifth and final main division of the Hungarian year book deals with the *state* and *municipal* life. It is subdivided into five parts and about 111 topics. First come legislative statistics and next administrative statistics. Administration of justice is considered at great length and in detail under 76 topics while defence is considered under 16 topics. State house keeping or the national budget constitutes the final subdivision and under 13 topics the income and outgo are considered in quite minute detail, with comparative statistics for periods of from four to seventeen years.

It is not too much praise to say that the Hungarian year book presents an almost microscopic picture of Hungary. It is praiseworthy also that the detail facts are presented at a comparatively early date, for the statistics of 1909 are available in book form early in 1911. When it is considered that almost every conceivable subject is included and that about 550 pages of closely printed matter are required to present the facts, a year's interval must be regarded as a brief period and, in fact, so brief as to put to shame some of the much less ambitious publications in this country which appear two years or more subsequent to the year or period with which they deal.

F. S. Crum.

* Budapest, 1911. Buchdrückerei der Aktiengesellschaft Athenaeum. Price 5 Kronen.